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Marlene Renwyck  
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Dear Ms. Renwyck:

This constitutes my decision, pursuant to 36 CFR 215, on your appeal (00-06-0011-15) of Nora B. Rasure's Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Sullivan Lake Beetle Environmental Assessment (EA).

I have reviewed the record for the project. The record includes the EA, the DN, and Appendices. In addition, transmittal documents from the Forest Supervisor include a summary of the relevant appeal issues and an index that references where the relevant issues are addressed by the record. I am enclosing a copy of the transmittal of references and a DN. The Appeal Reviewing Officer (ARO) focused his review on the documentation developed by the Forest Supervisor and the issues raised in your appeal. A copy of his recommendation is enclosed. The appeal record documents responses to the relevant, site-specific issues raised in your appeal.

A review of the decision documentation indicates that substantial consideration was given to the relevant, site-specific issues raised in your appeal. There was early and continuous discussion between the Forest Service (FS) and the public regarding the issues. The EA documents that the FS considered and addressed all the issues and concerns relevant to the site-specific impacts of the proposed action. I find the FS DN is consistent with the requirements of the Colville National Forest (NF) Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP).

The EA addresses the site-specific direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental consequences of the proposed action, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and existing direction. It is clear how the effects are estimated for direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts.

I find the decision-maker was well informed about the issues raised in your appeals. I find no deficiencies in the analysis of consequences. The EA addresses the cause and effect relationships and discloses how the information was used in predicting environmental consequences.

Based on the decision documentation and the ARO recommendation, I support the FS decision and deny your requested relief.



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This decision constitutes the final administrative determination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is not subject to further administrative review.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Nancy Graybeal* (for)

LINDA GOODMAN

Deputy Regional Forester

Appeal Deciding Officer

Enclosure

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